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Docket No. K20606 US (C038435/0173527)

**REPLY UNDER  
37 CFR § 1.116**  
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hans-Peter HOHMANN *et al.* ) Examiner: Chih Min Kam  
Serial No.: 10/681,086 ) Art Unit: 1656  
Filed: October 8, 2003 )  
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A  
TARGET FERMENTATION  
PRODUCT** )

New York, New York  
February 26, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before February

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Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. 5, Aug. 2006, pp. 700-261 to 700-262) respectfully is solicited.

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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this Response.

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